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I urge you to look favorably upon this request. Amateur Radio operators provide a valuable public service to hospitals in planning for and executing drills relating to disaster preparedness. The rules currently allow amateur radio operators to participate unless they are employees of a hospital who will benefit from their efforts. Adoption of the proposed rule would remove the conflict allowing employees of hospitals to participate in these important efforts. As a senior executive of a 14 hospital regional health care system and as a licenced amateur radio operator, I understand the conflict and appreciate your consideration in adopting the proposed rule thus resolving this for the benefit of all parties concerned.